

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Rising Sun Historic District Inventory Number: CE-1527

Address: _____ City: Rising Sun Zip Code: _____

County: Cecil USGS Topographic Map: Rising Sun

Owner: Multiple Owners

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: CE 600 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☒ yes Name: Thomas A. Reinhart Date: February, 2001

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility **not** recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☒ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. Blum
Reviewer, NR program

Date

6/21/01
Date

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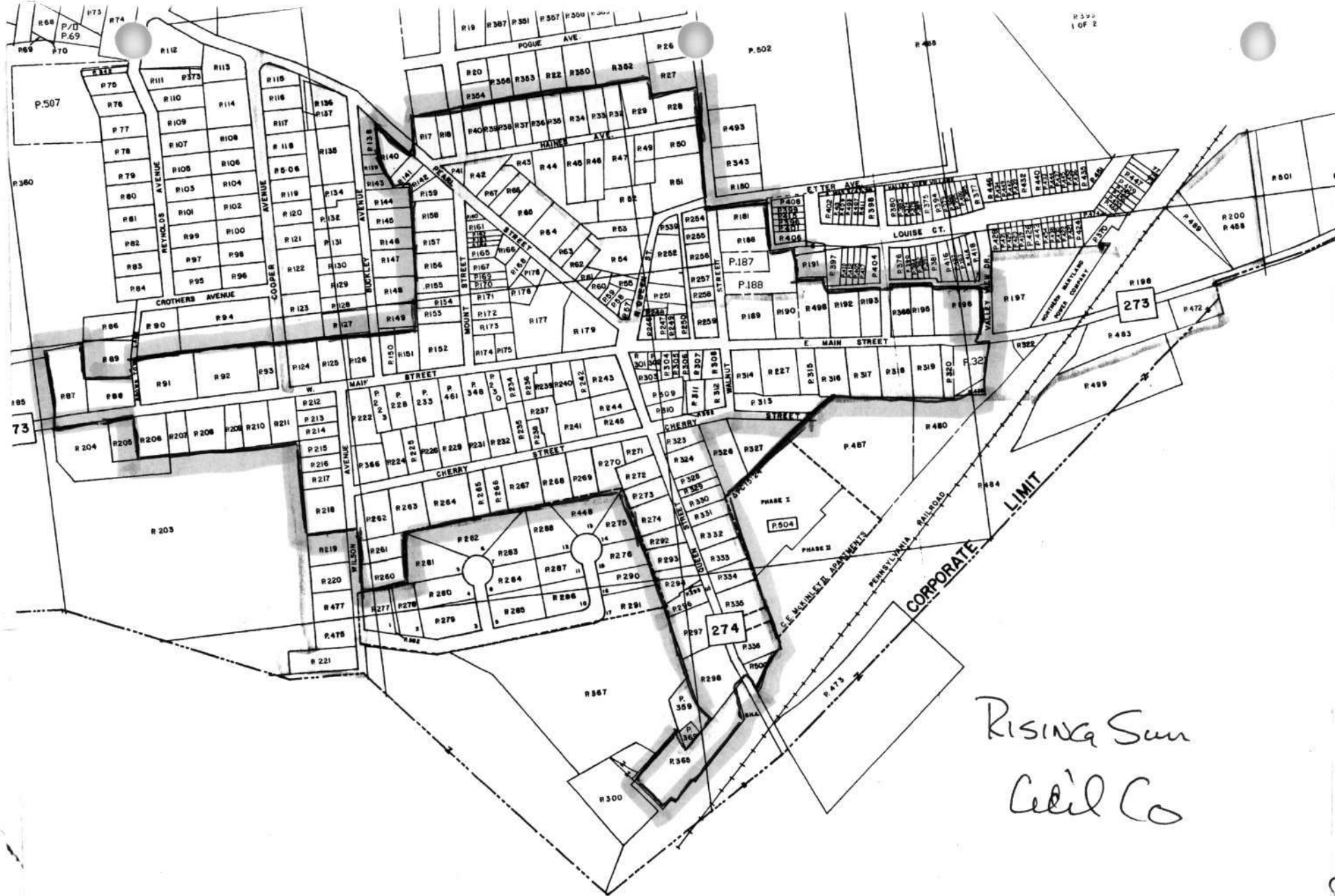
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Rising Sun, Cecil County

18th century – 1954

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Rising Sun developed as a community oriented toward serving travelers as well as the local farming community. The coming of the railroad in the mid-19th century spurred growth and the town became a center of commerce for the northern part of Cecil County. The Rising Sun Historic District is eligible for listing in the National Register under criteria A and C. The town is significant for its role as a regional commercial center in northern Cecil County. It is also significant for its architecture which dates from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Rising Sun Historic District

other

2. Location

street and number not for publication

city, town Rising Sun vicinity

county Cecil County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name multiple ownership

street and number telephone

city, town Rising Sun state MD zip code 21911

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Courthouse liber folio

city, town Elkton, MD tax map 600 tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☒ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	150
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	32
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	buildings
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	150
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	32
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Rising Sun is a small crossroads community located in northern Cecil County two miles south of the Pennsylvania state line and sixteen miles northeast of Elkton, the county seat. The town is set in a rolling rural, agricultural landscape, although there has been a bit of new construction at the edge of town. The town plan remains very similar to what appears on the 1877 *Atlas of Cecil County, Maryland*. The principal road is Main Street which runs from east to west. Pearl Street and S. Queen Street is the primary north-south corridor. These main roads are flanked by several smaller streets.

Structures in town are varied. There is a mix of frame and brick houses. Most are two stories in height, three bays wide and have a side gabled roof. The majority are detached; however, closer toward the center of town some are semi-detached and attached. They are generally placed close to the street, but there is no consistent setback. The structures date from the 19th to the 20th century, and are primarily vernacular in style. Architectural ornament is typically expressed on the full length porches that are common. A good number of these porches still retain their intricate, late 19th century scrollwork. The town consists mostly of late 19th century structures, but contains quite a few examples of early 20th century bungalows. Some structures have been altered within the last 50 years by the addition of synthetic siding materials and replacement windows.

There is a small commercial district centered along Main Street between Walnut and N. Queen streets. While there are a few two story commercial buildings built in the late 19th century, many buildings within the commercial district have been substantially changed through alterations to historic properties or by new construction within the last fifty years. 12 and 14 East Main Street are examples of earlier buildings altered by the construction of a new storefront.

Houses on the southeast side of town, particularly on E. Main Street and Cherry Street are typically larger, generally two-and-a-half stories, with more ornate architectural detailing primarily dating to the late 19th century. They have more complex roof shapes, are set on larger lots and are set further back from the street. The house at 46 W. Cherry Street has elaborate finials and woodwork in the gable ends. The house at 17 W. Cherry Street is marked by a mansard roof with gabled dormers supported by brackets. 116 East Main Street is a two and a half story brick house with a large wraparound porch and projecting bays. Other structures have more modest details associated with late 19th and early 20th century architectural styles.

There are several one story, early 20th century houses in the northeast part of town. These were built on land that was originally associated with the pasture land behind the Rising Sun Tavern. These include bungalows such as the ones at 14 and 24 Mount Street. There are also several late 19th century, two story, vernacular frame duplexes, some of which still retain their 2/2 windows, such as the one at 15-17 Mount Street.

There is a series of houses on the west side of Wilson Street that are frame, two bays wide and two stories tall. They are side gabled with full length front porches. These are mostly vernacular in style, but they do retain fine, late 19th century bracketing on the porches. Examples of this are located at 10, 14 and 18 Wilson Street.

A major landmark is the two-story, yellow brick bank at the northwest corner of W. Main Street and N. Queen Street. The original building was built in the late 19th century. A new building was apparently built in the early- to mid-twentieth century with a streamlined neoclassical facade and cast concrete pilasters and cornice. At some point within the last fifty years, large wings were added to either side obscuring all but the facade of the early 20th century building.

Janes Methodist Episcopal Church was constructed in the early 1920s. It is a brick, one-and-a-half story, gable front building with three bays along the first floor. The central entrance bay has a wooden pediment over glazed double doors and is flanked by two arch-topped windows. The gable end has a tripartite window set under a single segmented arched opening. A three-story bell tower lies to the rear on the right hand side of the entrance.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 18th century to 1954

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Rising Sun is a historic community that developed at the intersection of major roads leading toward Lancaster, Elkton, Baltimore and Philadelphia. It developed as a community oriented toward serving travelers as well as the local farming community. The coming of the railroad in the mid-19th century spurred growth and the town became a center of commerce for the northern part of Cecil County. The Rising Sun Historic District is eligible for listing in the National Register under criteria A and C. The town is significant for its role as a regional commercial center in northern Cecil County. It is also significant for its architecture which dates from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century.

The origins of Rising Sun date to the early 18th century when the Maryland legislature called for the construction of a road through Harford County and over the Susquehanna River. Between 1710 and 1720, at the intersection of this road and the Post Road from Elkton to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Henry Reynolds built a public house. The building was supposedly adorned with a sign depicting the sun at dawn with the words "The Rising Sun" beneath it. The town that slowly grew up around the tavern eventually took on the name Rising Sun from this tavern. Because it was set at the intersection of well traveled roads between the markets at Lancaster, Wilmington and Philadelphia it was a convenient stop for drovers who brought their livestock to city markets. The rear of the tavern had extensive acreage for pasturing the animals. These fields are still evident in the 1907 "Birds Eye View of Rising Sun."¹

The area where the town now sits was part of a controversy between William Penn and George Talbot that resulted in the drawing of the Mason Dixon line. In 1702, Penn gave 37 lots of approximately 500 acres each to his colonists although they lay in Maryland. These lots, called the "Nottingham Lots," were really part of George Talbot's 32,090-acre Susquehanna Manor which was granted to him by Lord Baltimore in 1680. The Mason Dixon line was established in 1765 to resolve this dispute. The residents of Rising Sun could now say for sure that they were Maryland residents.²

The West Nottingham Academy was established in 1744 approximately two miles southwest of Rising Sun. It is reputed to be the oldest college preparatory school in the United States. The Academy is associated with the West Nottingham Presbyterian congregation that formed as early as 1724. The congregation was originally located at a site just north of Rising Sun. In the early 19th century, the congregation moved to its current location south of Rising Sun.³

The Rising Sun tavern appears on a 1792 map of Cecil County, but the owner is shown as Israel Reynolds. The tavern was likely located where the National Bank of Rising Sun currently stands on the northwest corner of Main and N. Queen streets. In a history of Maryland and Delaware published in 1807 the town is called Summer Hill. It claims the town contained seven or eight dwellings, two of which were taverns, and 40 inhabitants. By 1845 the town had grown to 16-18 dwellings. The town was finally incorporated in 1860 as Rising Sun.⁴

¹ State Highway Administration (SHA), *Intensive Background Research for the Rising Sun Streetscape, Maryland 273 (Main Street) within the Rising Sun Town Limits, Cecil County, Maryland*, 2002, p. 4; undated and unattributed materials in the Historical Society of Cecil County (HSCC) vertical files.

² HSCC vertical files.

³ Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form CE-1450.

⁴ HSCC vertical files.

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The Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Railroad constructed a line that was completed through the southeast side of Rising Sun in 1865, greatly spurring town growth through its connection to both Baltimore and Philadelphia. At that time, Rising Sun developed into the commercial and social center of north central Cecil County. New houses, a hotel and warehouses were constructed in town.⁵ The coming of the railroad also made Rising Sun a distribution center for chrome mined from one of the richest deposits in the country near Port Deposit. The chrome, which used to be hauled by wagon, was now shipped by rail to Baltimore or Liverpool. This continued until the mine closed in 1881.⁶

In July 1872, a fire started in a foundry and burned the original sixty-room Maryland House hotel. Along with the hotel, the fire ravaged a foundry, its machine shop, a coach works and stable, and a house. After the fire, the hotel proprietor purchased the two story Odd Fellows building on the northeast corner of Main and N. Queen streets, added a third story and wrap around porches, and opened it as the new Maryland House hotel. This building was demolished in 1999.⁷

Much growth occurred in the town in the decades following the arrival of the railroad. The Rising Sun Banking Company (now the National Bank of Rising Sun) was established in 1871. They built their bank on the site of the first Maryland House on the northwest corner of Main and N. Queen streets in 1872. The Rising Sun Building and Loan Association was incorporated at that time, as well. In 1876 a foundry and machine shop were built to manufacture agricultural machinery. The town's first newspaper, the *Rising Sun Commercial*, began circulation in 1878. It was followed by the *Midland Journal* in 1885. The Friends Normal School was founded in 1880 on Wilson Avenue. The building was later sold for a residence. The Maryland Inn was located on the east side of town.⁸

The 1877 *Atlas of Cecil County, Maryland* shows a bustling town with businesses oriented toward serving the area's population. The atlas shows that there were blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carpenters, cabinet makers, and physicians operating out of town. There were also several dry goods dealers, as well as dealers in agricultural products and hardware. The map also indicates the Maryland House hotel on the northeast corner of Main and N. Queen streets and the Rising Sun Banking Co. on the northwest corner.

A Methodist church was established in town in 1854 on the northwest corner of W. Main and Walnut streets. The first building was dedicated in 1855. That one was replaced in 1872 with a larger structure which was destroyed by fire in 1921. The current Janes Methodist Episcopal Church building was dedicated in November 1923. The cornerstone for St. Agnes Catholic Chapel on S. Queen Street in Rising Sun was laid in November 1893. A new church was built in 1983.⁹

⁵ Garrett, Jerre, "The Baltimore Central Railroad Reaches Rising Sun," article viewed on the Historical Society of Cecil County website, www.cchistory.org/risingsunrail.htm, on May 24, 2004.

⁶ SHA, 4-5.

⁷ "Rising Sun Centennial Celebration 1860-1960: Historical Notes on our Community," HSCC vertical files.

⁸ HSCC vertical files.

⁹ HSCC vertical files.

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Dairy farming was a key industry in the area. In 1906, a group of farmers met with representatives of P.E. & W. Sharpless to establish a milk condensing plant in town. During the 1920s, Sharpless sold the enterprise to Sheffield Farms who shipped bottled milk to New York City. In the 1940s, Maryland Dairy acquired the business and stopped bottling, but instead trucked bulk milk to Baltimore. Other enterprises established in the 20th century were the Herbert E. Shallcross & Son meat company which made sausage and scrapple, an independent phone company, and automobile sales. By the late 20th century, many residents chose to work in factories in Newark, Delaware, and at Aberdeen Proving Ground.¹⁰

¹⁰ Flowers, Charles V., "Rising Sun finally knows what it is—and would like to keep the secret," *The Sun*, 1-2-1979; "Rising Sun Centennial Celebration."

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	62.32	
Acreage of historical setting	62.32	
Quadrangle name	Rising Sun	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Rising Sun Historic District encompasses all parcels facing on East Main Street and West Main Street between Brown Town Lane and Valley View Drive; all parcels facing Haines Avenue between Pearl Street and Walnut Street; almost all parcels facing Cherry Street; almost all parcels facing Wilson Avenue between Main Street and just after Cherry Street; almost all parcels on Pearl Street from Buckley Avenue to N. Queen Street; all parcels facing N. Queen Street; all parcels facing Walnut Street between Cherry Street and Etter Avenue; parcels on the western side of Walnut Street between N. Queen Street to just above Haines Avenue; and almost all the parcels on S. Queen Street from Main Street to the corporate limit.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Nicole A. Diehlmann		
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city or town	Crownsville	state	MD

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

District Name: Rising Sun Historic District

Inventory Number: CE-1527

Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
E Cherry Street	600	326	Noncontributing	
13 E Cherry Street	600	311	Contributing	
19 E Cherry Street	600	312	Contributing	
8 E Cherry Street	600	323	Noncontributing	
12 W Cherry Street	600	270	Contributing	
16 W Cherry Street	600	269	Contributing	
17 W Cherry Street	600	241	Contributing	
20 W Cherry Street	600	268	Contributing	
21 W Cherry Street	600	238	Contributing	
25 W Cherry Street	600	235	Contributing	
28 W Cherry Street	600	267	Contributing	
31 W Cherry Street	600	232	Contributing	
32 W Cherry Street	600	266	Contributing	
35 W Cherry Street	600	231	Contributing	
36 W Cherry Street	600	265	Contributing	
38 W Cherry Street	600	264	Contributing	
45 W Cherry Street	600	226	Noncontributing	
46 W Cherry Street	600	263	Contributing	
47 W Cherry Street	600	225	Contributing	
51 W Cherry Street	600	224	Contributing	
52 W Cherry Street	600	262	Contributing	
55 W Cherry Street	600	366	Contributing	
1 Haines Avenue	600	28	Contributing	
11 Haines Avenue	600	32	Contributing	
14 Haines Avenue	600	47	Noncontributing	
15 Haines Avenue	600	33	Contributing	
16 Haines Avenue	600	46	Contributing	
17 Haines Avenue	600	34	Contributing	

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18 Haines Avenue	600	45	Contributing	
21 Haines Avenue	600	35	Contributing	
23 Haines Avenue	600	36	Contributing	
24 Haines Avenue	600	44	Contributing	
25 Haines Avenue	600	37	Contributing	
27 Haines Avenue	600	38	Contributing	
28 Haines Avenue	600	43	Contributing	
29 Haines Avenue	600	39	Contributing	
31 Haines Avenue	600	40	Noncontributing	
33 Haines Avenue	600	18	Contributing	
5/7 Haines Avenue	600	29	Contributing	
E Main Street	600	301	Contributing	
10 E Main Street	600	304	Contributing	
100 E Main Street	600	314	Contributing	
101 E Main Street	600	189	Noncontributing	
106 E Main Street	600	227	Contributing	
107 E Main Street	600	190	Contributing	
11 E Main Street	600	250	Contributing	
110 E Main Street	600	315	Contributing	
111 E Main Street	600	498	Contributing	
112 E Main Street	600	316	Contributing	
115 E Main Street	600	192	Contributing	
116 E Main Street	600	317	Contributing	
119 E Main Street	600	193	Contributing	
12 E Main Street	600	305	Contributing	
120 E Main Street	600	318	Contributing	
123 E Main Street	600	368	Contributing	
124 E Main Street	600	320	Contributing	

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127 E Main Street	600	195	Contributing	
130 E Main Street	600	321	Contributing	
131 E Main Street	600	196	Contributing	
133(?) E Main Street	600	196	Noncontributing	
14 E Main Street	600	306	Contributing	
16 E Main Street	600	307	Contributing	
19 E Main Street	600	259	Contributing	
20 E Main Street	600	308	Noncontributing	
7 E Main Street	600	247	Contributing	
8 E Main Street	600	302	Contributing	
9 E Main Street	600	249	Contributing	
W Main Street	600		Contributing	
W Main Street	600	91	Contributing	
10/12 W Main Street	600	242	Contributing	
101 W Main Street	600	152	Noncontributing	
104-108 W Main Street	600	233	Noncontributing	
107 W Main Street	600	151	Contributing	
110 W Main Street	600	228	Contributing	
111 W Main Street	600	150	Contributing	
19 W Main Street	600	177	Noncontributing	
20 W Main Street	600	239	Contributing	
202 W Main Street	600	223	Contributing	
203 W Main Street	600	126	Contributing	
204 W Main Street	600	222	Contributing	
211 W Main Street	600	124-125	Noncontributing	
28 W Main Street	600	234	Contributing	
301 W Main Street	600	93	Noncontributing	
302 W Main Street	600	211	Contributing	

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304 W Main Street	600	210	Contributing	
305 W Main Street	600	92	Contributing	
306 W Main Street	600	209	Contributing	
310 W Main Street	600	208	Contributing	
312 W Main Street	600	207	Contributing	
314 W Main Street	600	206	Contributing	
315 W Main Street	600	88	Contributing	
317 W Main Street	600	87	Contributing	
32 W Main Street	600	230	Contributing	
36/38 W Main Street	600	348	Contributing	
44-48 W Main Street	600	461	Noncontributing	
10 Mount Street	600	153	Contributing	
12 Mount Street	600	154	Contributing	
13 Mount Street	600	171	Contributing	
14 Mount Street	600	155	Contributing	
15/17 Mount Street	600	170-169	Contributing	
19/21 Mount Street	600	167	Contributing	
20 Mount Street	600	156	Contributing	
23-31 Mount Street	600	165-161	Contributing	
24 Mount Street	600	157	Contributing	
28 Mount Street	600	158	Contributing	
9/11 Mount Street	600	172	Contributing	
105 Pearl Street	600	17	Contributing	
108 Pearl Street	600	159	Noncontributing	
110 Pearl Street	600	142	Contributing	
112 Pearl Street	600	141	Contributing	
114 Pearl Street	600	140	Contributing	
13 Pearl Street	600	60	Noncontributing	

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21 Pearl Street	600	62	Contributing	
29 Pearl Street	600	63	Contributing	
31 Pearl Street	600	64	Contributing	
32 Pearl Street	600	178	Contributing	
34 Pearl Street	600	168	Noncontributing	
35/37 Pearl Street	600	65	Contributing	
38 Pearl Street	600	166	Contributing	
43/45 Pearl Street	600	66,67	Contributing	
5 Pearl Street	600	58	Contributing	
51 Pearl Street	600	42	Contributing	
6 Pearl Street	600	179	Contributing	
9 Pearl Street	600	59	Contributing	
N Queen Street	600	55	Contributing	
1 N Queen Street	600	251	Noncontributing	
18 N Queen Street	600		Contributing	
24 N Queen Street	600		Contributing	
28 N Queen Street	600		Contributing	
36 N Queen Street	600		Contributing	
S Queen Street	600	244	Contributing	
S Queen Street	600	274	Noncontributing	
S Queen Street	600	273	Noncontributing	
S Queen Street	600	297	Noncontributing	
S Queen Street	600	365	Contributing	
100 S Queen Street	600	271	Contributing	
106 S Queen Street	600	272	Contributing	
111 S Queen Street	600	324	Contributing	
119/121 S Queen Street	600	328,329	Contributing	
125 S Queen Street	600	330	Contributing	

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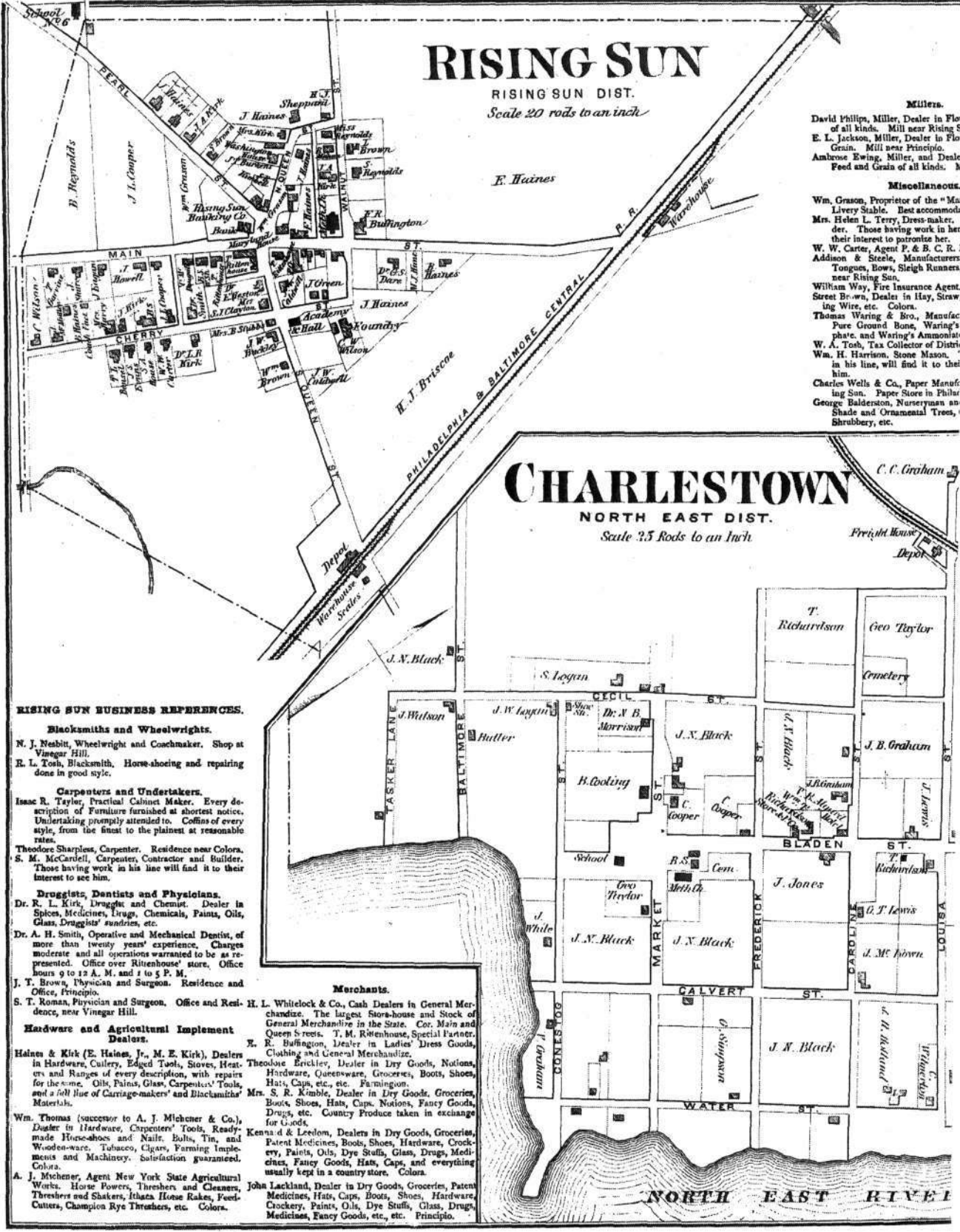
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128 S Queen Street	600	292	Contributing	
129 S Queen Street	600	331	Contributing	
132 S Queen Street	600	293	Contributing	
135 S Queen Street	600	332	Contributing	
137 S Queen Street	600	333	Contributing	
138 S Queen Street	600	294	Contributing	
142 S Queen Street	600	296	Contributing	
148 S Queen Street	600	334	Contributing	
151 S Queen Street	600	335	Contributing	
155 S Queen Street	600	336	Noncontributing	
156 S Queen Street	600	298?	Contributing	
157 S Queen Street	600	500?	Noncontributing	
158 S Queen Street	600	298?	Contributing	
2 S Queen Street	600	243	Contributing	
Walnut Street	600	493	Noncontributing	
101 Walnut Street	600	180	Noncontributing	
103 Walnut Street	600	343	Noncontributing	
18 Walnut Street	600	256	Noncontributing	
206 Walnut Street	600	26	Noncontributing	
213 Walnut Street	600	502	Noncontributing	
302 Walnut Street	600	31	Noncontributing	
10 N Walnut Street	600	258	Contributing	
112 N Walnut Street	600	50	Contributing	
15 N Walnut Street	600	187	Contributing	
16 N Walnut Street	600	257	Contributing	
20 N Walnut Street	600	255	Contributing	
204 N Walnut Street	600	27	Contributing	
21 N Walnut Street	600	186	Contributing	

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26 N Walnut Street	600	254	Contributing	
27 N Walnut Street	600	181	Contributing	
1 S Walnut Street	600		Contributing	
10 Wilson Avenue	600	214	Contributing	
102 Wilson Avenue	600	218	Contributing	
107 Wilson Avenue	600	261	Contributing	
108 Wilson Avenue	600	219	Contributing	
111 Wilson Avenue	600	277	Noncontributing	
114 Wilson Avenue	600	200	Noncontributing	
14 Wilson Avenue	600	215	Contributing	
18 Wilson Avenue	600	216	Contributing	
2 Wilson Avenue	600	212	Contributing	
22 Wilson Avenue	600	217	Contributing	
6 Wilson Avenue	600	213	Contributing	



RISING SUN

RISING SUN DIST.
Scale 20 rods to an inch

Millers.
David Phillips, Miller, Dealer in Flour of all kinds. Mill near Rising Sun.
E. L. Jackson, Miller, Dealer in Flour. Mill near Principio.
Ambrose Ewing, Miller, and Dealer in Feed and Grain of all kinds. N

Miscellaneous.
Wm. Grason, Proprietor of the "Mau Livery Stable. Best accommodated. Mrs. Helen L. Terry, Dress-maker, der. Those having work in her their interest to patronize her.
W. W. Carter, Agent P. & B. C. R. Addison & Steele, Manufacturers Tongues, Bows, Sleigh Runners, near Rising Sun.
William Way, Fire Insurance Agent. Street Br. w. Dealer in Hay, Straw, ing Wire, etc. Colors.
Thomas Waring & Bro., Manufact Pure Ground Bone, Waring's phosphate and Waring's Ammonia.
W. A. Toob, Tax Collector of District.
Wm. H. Harrison, Stone Mason, in his line, will find it to their him.
Charles Wells & Co., Paper Manufacturer Sun. Paper Store in Phila George Balderston, Nurseryman and Shade and Ornamental Trees, Shrubbery, etc.

CHARLESTOWN

NORTH EAST DIST.
Scale 35 rods to an inch

RISING SUN BUSINESS REFERENCES.

Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights.
N. J. Nesbitt, Wheelwright and Coachmaker. Shop at Vinegar Hill.
R. L. Toob, Blacksmith. Horse-shoeing and repairing done in good style.

Carpenters and Undertakers.
Isaac R. Taylor, Practical Cabinet Maker. Every description of Furniture furnished at shortest notice. Undertaking promptly attended to. Coffins of every style, from the finest to the plainest at reasonable rates.
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S. M. McCordell, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder. Those having work in his line will find it to their interest to see him.

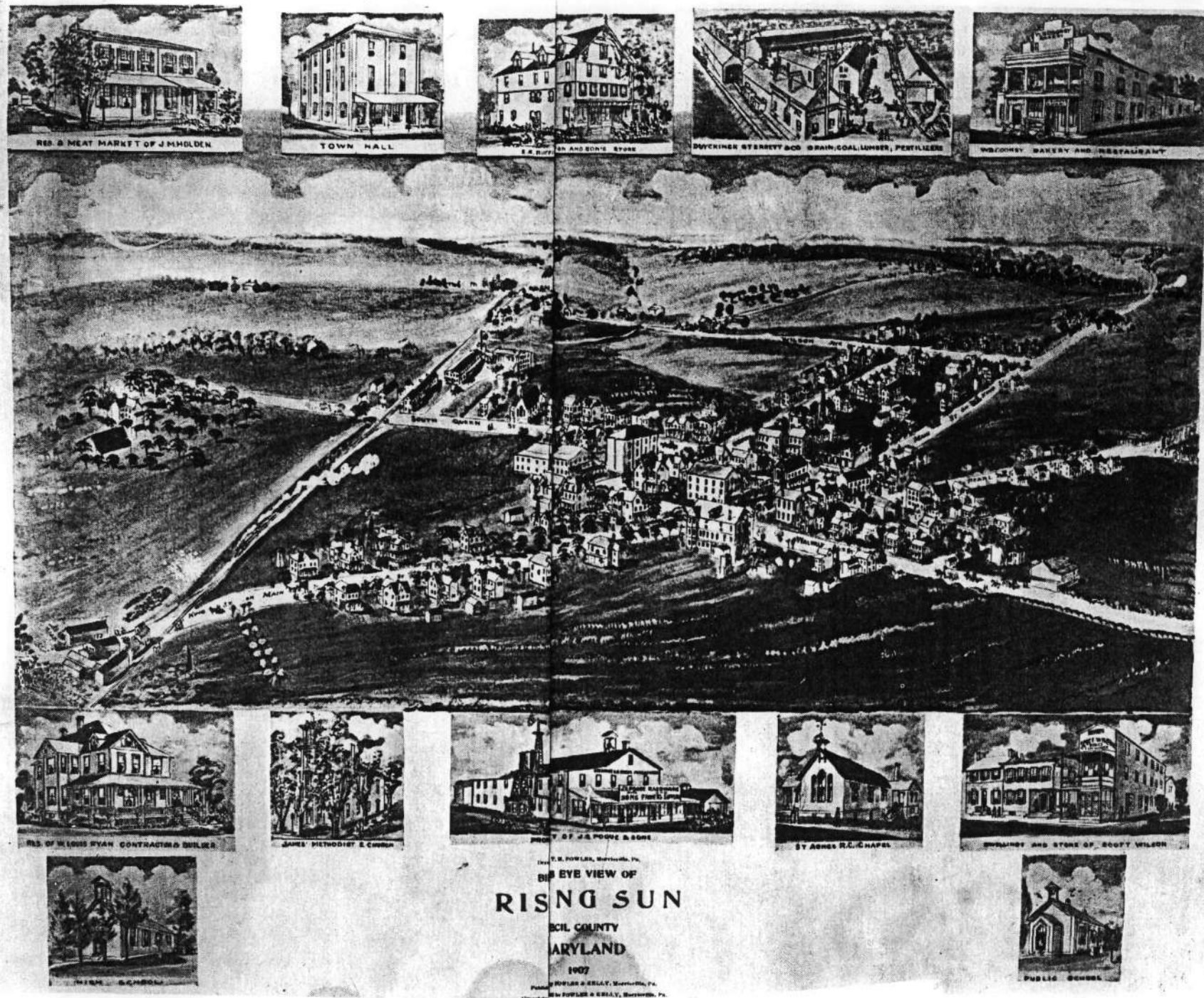
Druggists, Dentists and Physicians.
Dr. R. L. Kirk, Druggist and Chemist. Dealer in Spices, Medicines, Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Glass, Druggists' sundries, etc.
Dr. A. H. Smith, Operative and Mechanical Dentist, of more than twenty years' experience. Charges moderate and all operations warranted to be as represented. Office over Rittenhouse' store. Office hours 9 to 12 A. M. and 1 to 5 P. M.
J. T. Brown, Physician and Surgeon. Residence and Office, Principio.
S. T. Roman, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence, near Vinegar Hill.

Hardware and Agricultural Implement Dealers.
Haines & Kirk (E. Haines, Jr., M. E. Kirk), Dealers in Hardware, Cutlery, Edged Tools, Stoves, Heaters and Ranges of every description, with repairs for the same. Oil, Paints, Glass, Carpenters' Tools, and a full line of Carriage-makers' and Blacksmiths' Materials.
Wm. Thomas (successor to A. J. Michener & Co.), Dealer in Hardware, Carpenters' Tools, Ready-made Horse-shoes and Nails. Bulls, Tin, and Wooden-ware, Tobacco, Cigars, Farming Implements and Machinery. Satisfaction guaranteed. Colors.
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Merchants.

H. L. Whitlock & Co., Cash Dealers in General Merchandise. The largest Store-house and Stock of General Merchandise in the State. Cor. Main and Queen Streets. T. M. Rittenhouse, Special Partner.
R. R. Buffington, Dealer in Ladies' Dress Goods, Clothing and General Merchandise.
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Kennard & Leedom, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Patent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Crockery, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, and everything usually kept in a country store. Colors.
John Lackland, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Patent Medicines, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Crockery, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, etc., etc. Principio.

Bird's-Eye
Rising Sun
1907



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Rising Sun Historic District
Cecil County
Rising Sun Quadrangle





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Unit Block S. Queen Street

Rising Sun H.D.

Cecil County, MD

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Looking North

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S. Queen Street

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East Side, Facing NE

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Unit block Wilson Street

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West Side Facing NW

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Unit block Cherry Street

Rising Sun H.D.

Cecil County, MD

Nicole Diehlmann

10/10/03

MD SHPO

Facing East

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